

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: School counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full

potential; and

WHEREAS: School counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, and

interests as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

WHEREAS: School counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social

growth of their children; and

WHEREAS: School counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential

and set goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS: School counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and

 $complement\ comprehensive\ school\ counseling\ programs,\ helping\ students\ become\ productive$

members of society; and

WHEREAS: School counselors are uniquely licensed and trained to support the social, emotional, educational,

and professional achievements of students; and

WHEREAS: Research has shown that access to comprehensive support teams including licensed school

counselors results in dramatic benefits in student success; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is firmly committed to closing the achievement gap and investing in its

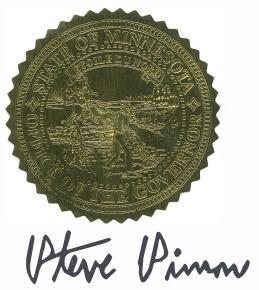
students' academic and future career success by ensuring they have adequate access to licensed

and trained school counselors and support staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 5-9, 2018, as:

SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this $19^{\rm th}$ day of January.

